

REGIONAL TOURISM MARKETING ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 244 of 1989

141.892 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

- (a) "Assessment" means the amount levied against an owner under this act.
- (b) "Assessment revenues" means the money collected by a regional marketing organization from the assessment, including any interest and penalties on the assessment, imposed under this act.
- (c) "Board" means the board of directors elected by the members of a regional marketing organization.
- (d) "Director" means the director of commerce.
- (e) "Owner" means the owner of a transient facility that is located within the regional assessment district or, if the transient facility is operated or managed by a person other than the owner, then the operator or manager of that transient facility. Owner includes a person electing to come under the provisions of this act pursuant to section 9.
- (f) "Regional assessment district" means a region of this state composed of a number of counties in which a regional marketing organization operates. Regional assessment district does not include a portion of the region that is a special charter, fourth class city.
- (g) "Regional marketing organization" means a nonprofit corporation that promotes tourism within a region of this state. Regional marketing organization includes only an organization that has been operating for 10 or more years and that operates in a region composed of 15 counties.
- (h) "Room" means a room or other space provided for sleeping that can be rented independently, including the furnishings and other accessories in the room. Room includes, but is not limited to, a condominium or time-sharing unit that, pursuant to a management agreement, may be used to provide dwelling, lodging, or sleeping quarters for a transient guest.
- (i) "Room charge" means the charge imposed for the use or occupancy of a room, excluding charges for food, beverages, state use tax, telephone service, or like services paid in connection with the room charge, and reimbursement of the assessment as allowed in section 6.
- (j) "Transient facility" means a building or combination of buildings under common ownership, operation, or management that contains 10 or more rooms used in the business of providing dwelling, lodging, or sleeping to transient guests, whether or not membership is required for the use of the rooms. Transient facility includes a building or combination of buildings, the owner of which has elected to come under the provisions of this act pursuant to section 9. Transient facility does not include a college or school dormitory; a hospital; a nursing home; a hospice; a building or combination of buildings that is otherwise a transient facility, but that is located within 1 mile of a ski lift as defined in section 2 of the ski area safety act of 1962, Act No. 199 of the Public Acts of 1962, being section 408.322 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; or a facility owned and operated by an organization qualified for an exemption from federal taxation under section 501(c) of the internal revenue code.
- (k) "Transient guest" means a person who occupies a room in a transient facility for less than 30 consecutive days.
- (l) "Tourism marketing program" means a program established by a regional marketing organization to develop, encourage, solicit, and promote tourism within a region of this state. The encouragement and promotion of tourism includes a service, function, or activity, whether or not performed, sponsored, or advertised by a regional marketing organization, that intends to attract transient guests to the regional assessment district.
- (m) "Tourism marketing program notice" means the notice described in section 3.

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